

Drastic Order for Relieving Fuel Famine Issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield Also Directs That Every Monday for Ten Weeks Shall Be Observed as a Holiday When Business with Some Exceptions Shall Be Suspended-This Means Saloons, Designated Stores, Theatres, Office Buildings, etc.—Munition and Other War Plants Not Excluded in Sweeping Order-Railroads and Household Consumers Preferred above All Other Users of Coal-Five-Day Idle Period Begins Friday-Idle Periods Expected to Save 30,000,000 Tons of that they did not look with favor upon the Coal.

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Louisiana and Minnesota,

The order is expected to go far towards

WEATHER IS BLAMED.

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On the Monday holidays besides man-

sumers will be forbidden to use coal

cent to prevent freezing) except those

and trust companies and those housing

fuel administrators may close the bank

vated and suburban cars wills be per-

Some domestic utilities probably will

be exempted from the order in supple-mentary rulings, including laundries, ice

plants and hundreds of others upon which

the people are dependent for supplies

Cutting off coal to non-essential indus-

tries had been expected in Washington for a week. It was explained to-night

that they were not discriminated against in the order because of the fact that it

was almost impossible to classify indus-tries as essential and non-essential.

Thousands of factories producing so-called non-essentials, it was pointed out, supply

themselves manufacture goods vitally needed by the government or by the pub-lic. Most of the industries manufacturing

war goods are said to have on hand more

manufactured supplies awaiting railroad

and ocean transportation than have the non-essentials. Suspension of few indus

tries is expected to interfere with deliveries if the railroads can move the goods

GERMANY MAY TAKE NOTICE.

Officials to-night foresaw that the Ger-

man government might distort and make

much of the order to improve the morale

of the German people, but they said this

danger was neglible when compared with

conferred in the Lever food act, which provides a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment

for violation of its provisions and warn

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Business and professional offices

The critical coal situation is blamed

16 .- America's Washington. nanufacturing enterprises with but consumption would have been determine exceptions in all States east of on. This plan will limit the use of coal Mississippi river were ordered by to the less essential industries under a he government to-night to suspend operations for five days beginning Friay morning as a drastic measure for elieving the fuel famine

At the same time as a further means of relief it was directed that industry end business generally, including all normal activities that require heated clearing choked and congested railroad uildings, observe as a holiday every donday for the next ten weeks. This night as likely that Secretary McAdoo, will close down on Mondays not only director-general of railroads, might deactories, but saloons, stores except for clare a rail embargo against the shipment he sale of drugs and food, places imusement and nearly all office build- necessary further to relieve the roads

While the order does not mention e permitted to continue operations as sual, although munitions plants will

GENUINE SURPRISE SPRUNG. The government's move came sudwithout warning in an order is- plan came to the conclusion, they said by Fuel Administrator Garfield to-night, that the homes must be kept

rning the distribution and use of coal. days past telling of intense suffering in t was decided upon hurriedly by the many parts of the country. Some of the President and government heads as a largest cities of the East have run se lesperate remedy for the fuel crisis short of fuel already that local fuel offieastern States. Even munition plants are not excepted from the closing down

Officials to-night would not discuss the far-reaching effects the action would have ducing foodstuffs the few exceptions to on the industrial fabric, and questions as the general rule forbidding the use of how the order was to be interpreted to coal in the periods specified are plants. It will dislocate industry, throw milneet specific problems went unanswered, which must be continuously operated to prevent injury to the plants them-

The order prescribes a preferential list establishments which publish current consumers in whose interest it was and periodical magazines. irawn. These users will get coal in the Railroads, household consumers, hospi-

PREFERENTIAL CONSUMERS.

charitable institutions and army ind navy cantonments. Public utilities, telephone and telegraph

plants. Strictly government enterprises, except- physicians and dentists; wholesale and ng factories and plants working on gov- retail stores, with exceptions for drug

rnment contracts.
Public building and necessary govern-

t, State and municipal requirements. Factories producing perishable foods and and trust company buildings if they

Announcement of their provisions of the Sarfield after a White House conference mitted to use only the amount they nor-Baker and Daniels. Earlier in the day ther officials and it was the unanimous ras necessary under the circumstances. ne White House the order called for the iosing of factories beginning to-morrow norning. This was changed upon the consideration of the confusion which would result when millions of workers vent to their duties unaware of the gov-

WAR INDUSTRIES NOT EXEMPT. Inclusion of war industries among those to which the fuel will be denied caused some surprise, but fuel officials explained to-night that war plants have producing so much more material than the no serious effects will be felt. War supplies manufactured for export have moved to seaboard faster than ships

An exception is made in the case of shipiding plants because of the great need vessels to move supplies already

an effort to increase production at the coal mines during the period that other business is suspended. Mines under contract to supply industries shut down will be directed in supplementary orders to send out their output elsewhere. Coal oaded and on its way to these indusries will be diverted.

EXPECT BIG SAVING.

It was estimated to-night the enforce 10,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, which The indications were that at the of the ten weeks of Monday holldays a permanent policy of restricted time they are idle.

"CALAMITOUS" SAY **NEW YORK PAPERS**

World, Herald, Post and Brooklyn Eagle Protest against Fuel Order.

New York, Jan. 16.-Fuel administrators n New York to-night applied a voluntary ensorship to their comment on adminis rator Garfield's drastic order for the conervation of fuel. They declined to talk bout it until they had opportunity to digest the new regulations, which came as a complete surprise to them. It was the consensus of opinion, however, that for the next week they would be the busiest men in New York.

was easily gathered from their remarks order. Most of them, especially news-paper publishers, expressed more or less confusion as to just what it meant.

THEATRICAL MEN WORRIED. A delegation of theatrical men announed that they would go to Washington tonight and appeal to the administration to permit them to keep open Mondays but close Tuesdays. It was explained by them that the "psychological effect" upon the partly on both sides of the Mississippi, were specifically included as a whole in public of having a holiday Monday and no the list of States to which the order place to go except home would be demoral-

The president of the stock exchange said clearing choked and congested railroad the exchange would remain open if the tracks and terminals. It was regarded toto wear overcoats. Brokers took the same

SEES GERMANY ENCOURAGED. E. H. Outerbridge, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, said Dr. Garfield's order seems to give "great encouragement to the enemy, great discouragement to our allies, and the unusually severe weather of the last week, which has made it impossible in great interruption to the war preparations many instances to move coal at all and of this nation." which has cut off the fuel supplies of

"It seems to be that the program of suspension of industries is a destructive Officials who worked out the curtailment rather than a constructive program," he declared. "It seems that the most drastic efforts should be made to increase the with the approval of President Wilson warm at all cost. Reports have poured production of fuel rather than to have to prescribing stringent restrictions gov- into the fuel administration's offices for curtail production of the necessities for

The following telegram was sent to President Wilson to-night by the pub-lishers of the World, Herald, Evening Post and Brooklyn Eagle:

calamitous in its character and unnecessary under the fast improving conditions families who depend upon daily wages. A five-day interruption and ten Monday shutdowns will wipe out their living of 16 hours on coal deliveries and more production, so bringing certain relief instead of destruction?"

SEES DISTRESS AHEAD. William R. Corwine, secretary of the National Association of Clothing Manuin operation "It is going to cause an endless amount of complication and, in stores and those that sell food; all amusement places and saloons. State many directions, great distress through the laying off of employes."

Dr. Garfield's order was read to-night the annual dinner of the National Wholesale Dry Goods association. Manu facturers, wholesalers and commission merchants from all parts of the countr were present. It was received in silence A few moments later there was scat tered handelapping and a buzz of whispered comment

LOOKS LIKE WAR, SAYS TAFT. Former President Taft alluded to Dr. Garfield's order in an address to-nigh at the dinner of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers association as but "one of the disagreeable features which must result from the war, but like the good Americans that we are, we will adapt ourselves to the conditions imposed upon us by our government."

'Many of us have not fully realized that this country is at war," said, "but the drastic order of Dr. Garfield in shutting down our manufacturing plants for a period of five days looks

ADJOURNS SINE DIE.

September Term of Chitenden County Court at an End.

September term of Chittenden county court was adjourned sine die by Sheriff Allen at three o'clock yesterday afternoon upon request of Judge Fish, after being in session since ten o'clock. Besides the judge and the sheriff, the only persons in the court room at the time were the assistant judges, Henry W. Tracy of Shelburne and William H. Adsit
of this city, the cicrk of county of this city, the cicrk of county of this city. of this city, the cierk of county court, Dr. C. J. Russell, and Deputy Sheriff F. E. Lord. Judge Fish's next regular term is at Newfane, in Windham county.

In the case of William Odlin, administrator of the estate of J. P. Clark, vs. the estate of E. W. Peck, H. T. Rutter

fendant, the court adjudged that the plain-tiff's claim was without foundation and President Brooks named as the resoluordered judgment for the defendant, the tion committee Messrs. Hill, E. A. Curtis same to be certified to probate court. From this judgment in the case the plaintiff has taken exceptions to the supreme court.

The court also filed findings in fact in

entered heretofore. A divorce was granted in the case of

DAIRYMEN END MEETING TO-DAY

Banquet This Evening the Star Feature of 48th Annual Convention.

YESTERDAY'S ADDRESSES.

Welcomed to City by Secretary Taylor of Greater Vermont Association-Response by Pres. Brooks.

This is the big day of the three days nvention of the Vermont State Dairynen's association. There will be addresses this morning and afternoon, closing with a business session and the election of officers, and a monster ban-quet, in which the dairymen and members of the Woman's Auxillary will join, at the Hotel Vermont this ning. The speakers at the banquet will include Governor Horace F. Graham; Congressman Porter H. Dale of the second district of Verm dent John M. Thomas of Middlebury College and Joseph H. Lowerby, official representative of the Hoover administration from Washington, D. C. Judge Frank L. Fish of Vergennes will act an toastmaster.

Much speculation is rife among the dairymen as to the outcome of the election coming off this afternoon, and a complete change in the officers' per-sonnel is predicted. There is a strong rumor that Secretary F. H. Bickford of Bradford is to succeed H. K. Brooks of St. Albans as president of the asso-ciation and that Orlando L. Martin of Plainfield, now vice-president, is to succeed Secretary Bickford as keeper of records and reports.

Last night there was two addresse both in regard to the dairy interests given by Charles E. North of New York, who also spoke at the afternoor session. Mr. North's evening address "The Future of the Dairy In-In part, he said: "The dustry." industry is one of great uncertainty to-day. With prices of grains, transto-day. portation and general expenses increasing daily, sometimes over night, the future of the dairy interests hangs in the air. I was appointed chairman special commission by former Mayor Mitchel of New York city to tigate the conditions under which that city got its milk supply and to repor whether the increase which occurred October 1 was fair, reasonable, justi fled, and to determine if possible the exact cost of production of one quart of milk. The commit-tee found out a great many things

but did not find out definitely how much

it cost to produce a quart of milk. Figures secured from more than 100 dairymen in New York and Pennsylvania all average different prices per quart, owing to dif-ferent sections, breeds and feeds used No man living can exactly quote the cos dairymen supply to the city of New York, daily, 36,000 quarts of milk and for this milk within the 450-mile zone they received \$3.52 per hundred weight. That was the average price for 1917. The commission found no way to reduce the price of milk at this time. Collective buying of grain was advocated for the was alarmed at the prospect of the sur-plus of milk which will flood the markets between April and May. This surplus may prove the ruination of the dairy industry. In New York city alone in 1917 there was a surplus of 5\$2,000,000 cans. This milk, sent in by producers, had to be used to make butter and cheese by the large wholesale plants, and they lose hundreds of thousands of dollars last year in that way, for the butter and cheese do not command the prices that they had to pay the producers for the milk. One plant went into the hands of a receiver, four lost from \$50,000 to \$124,000 as the result of the surplus. These facts and figures have not yet been made pub-lic, but will come from the printers in about ten days. The commission went out of office before their investigation was completed when the Mitchel regime went down to defeat in the election of

recent date." F. E. Durfee of West Hartford, Conn., himself a wholesale milk producer, gave an address on "Very Fine Management." which concluded the program of the eve-ning. He said, in part: "I was formerly a New York school teacher and got th ness and for five years I continually lost oney, but gained lots of knowledge. Now I am conducting a fairly profitable dairy establishment, supplying the city of Hartford, Conn., having a farm of 57 cows. I believe in fair treatment to the wives and sons of dairymen and farmers. Give them their due from the profits an make them home-loving w giving them the modern conveniences, so far as you are able, that the city affords, and then they won't hanker for the city. Your help should be your own people if possible, for you will never find anybody like your own blood for co-operation, intelligence and loyalty. If not possible to secure them, get good loyal workmen and pay them wages enough to keep them and you will never regret it. Never give out secrets of your workmen's faults and failures while he is still in your employ for sooner or later he will get wind of it and it breaks your smooth-running establishment. Your barns should be modern in every way, lighted well and also ventilated. Keep your stock in proper form and never add or drop in feed rations icut I am getting nine cents flat per quart for my milk (what we style there "B" grade) and the retail price is 15 cents per quart. To avoid a surplus of our dairy products the members of the Connecticut Dairymen's association each spring sell some of our milch cows. It is the administrator de bonis non, cum testamento annexo an appeal from the probate court commissioners, counsel submitted a written offer to the court of what the plaintiff's claims consisted and what the On the filing of the writing between the adapt himself to "win-the-war- methods," attorneys for the plaintiff and the de- no matter what the cost in time, labor and

FORMAL OPENING YESTERDAY MORNING.

Yesterday morning at nine o'clock the Yesterday morning at nine o'clock the formal opening exercises of the 48th an-nual convention of the Vermont Dairy-men's association were conducted in the

James P. Taylor, secretary of the Great-

HAPPENINGS IN VT.; NEWS BY COUNTIES

ADDISON GOUNTY

MIDDLEBURY.

The year book of Middlebury village for 1917, containing the reports of the trustees, water commissioners, auditors, treasurer and other village officers, was distributed Saturday. From the report of Treasurer Pinney it is seen that the income for the year, including a balance of \$202.06 at the beginning, was \$13,336.82. The largest figures of the receipts were on the regular tax lists, \$7,494.25; on the road tax list, \$3,022.55; State ald, \$700; from the town for permanent roads, \$500; re-funded from the water department, \$440.91; received on tax warrants, \$398.52. The disbursements included: \$12,001.39 paid on orders; \$750 interest on sewer bonds and \$158.59 other interests; a total of \$12,-909.98, leaving in the treasury \$426.84. The larger disbursements for the year were for maintenance of streets, \$3,583.28; for new work on streets, \$1,230.32; for street lighting \$2,099.80; for a chemical auto for the fire department, \$1,250; for sprinkling and oiling the streets, \$820.42; for legal services, \$595.07; for hydrants for the water department, \$500; for police pay roll, \$730 The estimates for the year beginning total for street lighting; \$700 for interest, \$670 sewers, \$500 for water for hydrants and \$400 for fire department. There are outstanding unpaid trustees' orders amounting to \$3,754.56, making the amount to be raised less the balance in the treasury. \$9,447.72. The village grand list is \$16,223.16 and a tax of 60 cents on the dollar will The village indebtedness on January 1 included: Old water bonds, \$30,000; new water bonds, \$50,000; sewer bonds, \$10,500, which, with the unpaid trustees' orders, amount to \$94,254.56. This less the sinking fund balance in the treasury and balance of water department unt in all to \$24,074.36, leaving the total indebtedness of the village \$70,180,20, a decrease during the year of \$2,825,88. The report of the treasurer of the water department shows a balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year of \$6,689.73; receipts for water rents, \$7,208.92; receipts for interest on the sinking fund. \$827.94; balance in the treasury for the year, \$4,488.85. The report of Chairman John A. Fletcher of the trustees calls attention to the fact that the orders frawn for the year, plus interest, amounted to \$632.66, more than the income, which would have not been the fact except for the \$1,250 paid for a chemical engine and the nearly \$600 for legal fee items not included in the estimate at the January neeting. Four inches more snow fell early Satur-

day morning. It is very heavy snow and badly drifted in the country towns so that some of the roads were left in an tinuing all through the day did a good deal toward settling it down in the roads. -The winter term of the high and graded chools of the village opened Monday after a week's extra vacation, which, however, the pupils are expected to make up by putting five full Saturdays in attendance on school after the weather gets warm enough to make the use of coal unnecessary .- The ice dealers in this village got out most of the supply for the filling of their ice-houses during the past week and will now go to work getice taken from the river up to now runs clear as was ever taken out of Otter Plymouth, Mass., where she will spend few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Briggs,-C. H. Keese is ill.-Miss Julia Carroll, who has spent a few months at Grosse Point, North Ferrisburg. returned.-Miss Martha Buckley, who has been in the employ of the Register com-pany for a number of years, has resigned her position there.-Miss Ruth Anderson, who has been visiting in town for a few weeks, has returned to Proctor.

-The D. A. R. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John H. Stewart Saturday afternoon.-The funeral of Miss Mary Marshall was held at the undertaking rooms of A. J. Blackmer Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. Henry C. Newell officiated, and the bearers we Noble J. Sanford, Edward Higgins, Fred M. Foote and William Reed .- Mrs. S. A. lisley, the Rev. G. B. lisley, the Rev. Roy E. Whittimore, John E. Weeks and A. J. Blackmer have returned from New York, where they accompanied the remains Colonel listey, on Thursday night, for interment at Greenwood cemetery.-Mrs F. C. Hooker has returned to Charlotte after a two weeks' visit in Schenectady, N. Y.-Frank C. Atwood die the home of E. J. Whitney, with Atwood died he lived in Salisbury, Friday. He was 89 years old, having been born in Monk-ton December 14, 1828, the son of Hiram and Phoebe (Frank) Atwood. The funeral was held at the Congregational Church in Salisbury at two o'cle day afternoon. Masonic honors were conferred by Union Lodge, F. and A. M., and burial will be in the Holman cemetery in Salisbury. Mr. Atwood was the oldest living member of Union Lodge, of the prudential board of school commis-

E. H. Martin, deceased. club was held Thursday evening. The ley, Louisiana, and Arthur Robidoux of meeting was called to order by President Granby, Can—The Rev. H. C. Newell, the Carl O. Frost and reports showed the club Congregational pastor, has requested all was in a good condition. The following young people of his church who may be years old and had been used as a restauofficers were elected: President, Carl O. Button; secretary, Harry L. Cushman; church membership, to meet at his partreasurer, Peter J. Hinks. These four sonage at 4:30 Friday afternoon. officers, with the following, make up the board of managers, Robert F. Pinney, Hanery Joy and P. S. Murray.—Frank Howe has closed his house in the east part of the town and is at the Addison louse for the winter.-The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Ste-

Monday, market day, butter brought 40 to 45 cents and eggs 50 to 52 cents.- Guy aviation camp at San Antonio, Texas.-Christian has gone to Boston, where he will spend a week at the home of relatives.—E. Wickson, who is an experienced Cincinnati, Ohio, after three weeks in Crockett of Burlington sheep man, has gone to Portland, Mc., Middlebury and vicinity.—The annual Farwell of Montpelier. where he has taken an important position in that line of business. His family will remain here for the present.-William Zeno and his father and mother of New Haven have gone to Bellows Falls, called Tuesday. January 22, at the same there by the sudden death of a relative.— time place on account of the se-Stella Wimmett has gone to Barre, where vere snows she will visit at the home of relatives and throughout

Chairman, Mrs. D. Robinson; vice-chair-men, Mrs. A. H. Bristol, Mrs. H. H. Bain and Mrs. W. S. Huntley; secretary, Mrs. Arthur Eddy; treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Darrow; executive committee, Mrs. H. B. Hagar, Mrs. Arthur Hinman and Mrs. L. Hathaway; Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Moody Mrs. Bristol read papers on "Andrew Carnegie," "Mrs. Russell Sage" and 'Helen Gould Shepard." Mrs. Leroy Russell furnished music. The annual meeting of the Fortnightly department held their meeting also Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. W. Dickens and the following program committee was elected Chairman, Mrs. A. H. Bristol, Mrs. Bryant Mrs. D. C. Noble and Mrs. J. S. Stewar and Mrs. W. W. McGilton were elected act as committee with the Women's club committee. There were good attendances and both branches report their books and

The annual village meeting was held last vening at the town hall with a large attendance, about 200 being precent Among them were 25 women who cast their first votes. Moderator T. M. Chap-man called the meeting to order and Clerk Joseph M. Burke read the call. Mr. Chapman declined re-election as moderator and Judge J. E. Weeks was elected. J. M. Burke was re-elected clerk. The reports of the village as published were accepted. The sum of \$1,000 was voted to put in sewer improvements. road tax of 20 cents and a general tax of 60 cents was voted. The board of trustees was re-elected as follows: W. N. Cady, P. M. Swett, J. A. Fletcher, P. E. Mellen, P. J. Hinks and Isaac Lavonche, Jr. For water commissioner, P. M. Swett and John D. Woods, whose term expired. were nominated. As Mr. Swett could not hold both his office as trustee and. if elected, as water commissioner, resigned his trusteeship. Of the 148 votes cast, he received 89 and Mr. Woods Pinney; chief of the fire department. F. Kidder: auditors, H. F. Joy and C. C. Wells. The trustees met afte meeting at the town clerk's office organized as follows: President A. Fletcher; appointed, superintendent of streets, James McGlinchey; chief of ice, George Chaffee; night watchman, George N. Moore; village attorney, Allen R. Sturtevant; policemen, George Chaffee, George Moore, Charles Shaw, John Signo and P. E. Crane. The following trustees were appointed to take charge of the departments: fire department, P. J. Hinks; superintendent of parks, Philip E. Mellen; roads, Willis N. Cady; lights, Isaac Lavonche, Jr.; sewers, A. M. Brown; paymaster of street department, Miss Lucy Hinks.

The heaviest snowstorm of the winter, o far, struck Middlebury and all the surrounding territory early Tuesday morning and snow continued to fall with out interruption all through the day, so that by evening there were from 15 to 18 inches of new snow on the ground. Rural delivery men were able to get in from the country towns in the morning. but had hard work getting back over their routes and probably some of them did not succeed in making their whole trip, otherwise traffic between Middlebury and the surrounding towns was practically cut off surrounding towns was surrounded to surrounding towns was surrounding towns which surrounding towns was surrounding towns which surrounding towns was surrounding towns which surrounding towns was su but had hard work getting back over their in this village. The snowploughs were kept running all through the day, but kept running all through the day, but the sidewalks filled in again every time and after an hour there was little indiblizzard of March 12, 1888.-The East Middlebury new water works system, which was frozen up tight for several days. after the recent "coldest" snap, has been thawed out and is in working order again. It took the efforts of several plumbers from this village quite a number of days before they could get work completed. From the town farm everybody that had running water had to call on somebody to get it thawed out.
-The funeral of Frank C. Atwood, who died at the home of E. J. Whitney in Salisbury Friday, was held at the Congregational Church in Salisbury Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. N. went from this village. The bearers were Charles Ellis, Cyrus Bump, Alvin Forest William, Frank and E. J. Whitney. was in the family lot in the Holman cemetery at Salisbury.-The Addison County Association of Congregational Ministers gregational Church Wednesday, The diacussion of topics was lead by the Rev. C. C. Merrill of Burlington, secretary of Vermont Congregational conference. Plans were made for an unusually strong meeting of the county association which will meet at the church in New Haven May 7.—Judge John E. Weeks, director of of correction in Rutland, the State prison in Windsor, and the State Ind early Sunday morning at her home in flames. He went to the Spencer Church at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, of the heavy storm and the interment was ing and other personal belongings. No. 2, F. and A. M., having been a mem-ber since October 8, 1858.—Dr. Howard L. D'Avignon was 75 years of age, having her back. She and her husband climbed vember 1, 1842. Her husband died several oners to fill the unexpired term of Dr. years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary D'Avignon of New Haven, and two brothers, R. J. Robidoux of Crowinterested in the matter of forming a rant for over 40 years. Mr. Butler, the Frost; vice-president, Judge Charles 1. class for study by way of preparation for present owner, had a room in the building sonage at 4:30 Friday afternoon The Middlebury Suffrage Study club will meet at the home of Mrs. Lewis
J. Hathaway Friday afternoon at 2:30 HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS

to do Red Cross work for the Suffrage Y. M. C. A. Fund members and friends are cordially invited to come with their work and 10 cents for the fund.— James Oney, a sailor in the United navy, is at home on a furlough which he is spending at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobey Oney .- Word has been received from Phillip La-fleur, who recently enlisted in the United States aviation corps, that he is following were elected: Vice-presidents, now serving as a mess sergeant in the C. P. Smith of Burlington, F. A. How-William H. Campbel have returned to meeting of the Ladies' Aid society which was to have been held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Reynolds was postponed unti vere snowstorm that prevailed here

Political Strife over Peace Negotiations Shows No Sign of Abatement.

HERTLING SPEAKS FRIDAY.

Hungarian Cabinet Resigns-Russia Is Said to Be at Point of Declaring War on Roumania.

Although the peace pour parlers beween the Bolsheviki and the Teutonie allies have been resumed at Brest-Litovsk, the peace by agreement section of the German populace and some of the newspapers continue their expressions of dissatisfaction ambitions of the pan-Germanists and the terms that have been advanced by the German delegates at Brest-Litovak as the basis for a peace.

Amsterdam despatches that an understanding has been reached between the political and military parties in Germany on the basis of the Russian program of no annexations or indemnities in the east and leaving to Field Marshal von Hindenburg case of a German victory, the liberty of dealing with possible annexations in the west, but the evidence tends to show that the factions are still at odds. Additional meetings at which speakers endeavored to outline the point of the militaristic element have been broken up, and it is announced that Chancellor von Hertling is to be permitted to deliver his delayed address on Germany's war aims to the main committee of the Reichstag next Friday, for which the country has been clamoring.

Adding to the political strife in Germany and Austria comes the appouncement of the resignation of the Hungarian cabinet due to the conduct of the war. to obtain adequate support for the military program put forward by the cabinet is given as the reason for the resignation of the ministry. The program included the formation of an independent Hungarian army, which Emperor Charles vetoed.

The situation between Russia and Roumania apparently is growing acute. On demand of the American ambassador and the heads of the other diplomatic missions accredited to Russia the Bolshevik authorities have released the Roumanian ninister and the attaches of the Roumanian legation who were arrested Sunday. The council of national commissioners of Russia now has sent an ultimatum to Roumania calling for the immediate release of members of the Bolsheviki arrested recently in Roumania. A rupture of relations with Roumania and energetic' military measures are threat-

Austro-Germans both in the mountain region of northern Italy and around lower cation that any snowplough had passed tacks, after heavy preparatory artillery work, to recapture the positions wrested

tempts were without result.

Again there has been considerable aerial activity in this region in which five enemy airplanes were sent to earth-four by British and Italian aviators and the other by anti-aircraft batteries.

FIRE GUTS RESTAURANT

Morning Blaze-Several Peo-

St. Albans, Jan. 16.-Fire soon after midnight this morning gutted Murphy's restaurant on South Main street. The building was owned by J. E. Butler of Lincoln avenue. The loss is estimated at \$2,000 which is partially covered by insurance. The loss on the building is about \$1,200 and on the fixtures and furnishings about \$800. The origin of the fire, which started in the kitchen, is unknown.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Murphy and their one-year-old son, who roomed on cupants. All escaped in their night clothes, Mr. Murphy had not gone to bed. Dennis English, a young man who works for George Tierney in a livery stable in the rear of the restaurant, slept over the State institutions, is on a round of official kitchen and he was awakened by the visits, which will take him to the house flames bursting through the floor of his room. His face and left hand and arm were quite badly burned and his right arm school in Vergennes.—The funeral of Mrs. slightly burned and his hair singed. He Clentia Robidoux D'Avignon, who died lost all his personal belongings in the Haven, was held at St. Mary's to stay all night and this morning went to the St. Albans hospital for treatment. His injuries are not considered serious. The was a large attendance of friends in spite other occupants of the building lost cloth-

> out of the window in their room and Mrs. Deso took hold of an eaves spout, which gave way and she fell to the ground. Mr. and Mrs. Deso are at the home of Mrs. A. J. Hance on lower Welden street. Mrs.

when he first came to St. Albans about 50 years ago.

80th Annual Meeting Held at Montpeller-Burlington Men among

Montpelier, Jan. 16 .- The 80th annual meeting of the Vermont Historical society took place at the State House yesterday afternoon with W. W. Stickney presiding, having been re-elected president. The of Montpelier, Frank Plumley of Northfield; secretaries, P. S. Howes and D. B. E. Kent of Montpelier, W. H. Crockett of Burlington; treasurer, H. L.

THOSE 31 SINCE JUNE MAY BE EXCUSED

Washington, Jan. 16 .- Secretary Baker has advised the Senate military committee the war department favors discharging from draft liability men who have passed the age of 31 since registering on June 5, 1917, and without having been called to the

she will visit at the home of relatives and throughout the day.—Commander friends for the next two weeks.—The Charles E. Youtt of William P. Ruscentury, study and library extension dessell Post, No. 89, G. A. R., announces partment of the Women's club elected the (Continued on page (we.)

REDUCE PHONE EXPENSES. New England Tel. Co. Men Confer on Minimining Expenditures.

Montpeller, Jan. 16 .- A conference of the managers, superintendents, foremen, wire chiefs, chief operators of the New Engiand Telephone Co. of Vermont held here to-day was attended by some 3 persons, including Superintendent Russel, Wire of the Vermont Public Safety Committee, Of Burlington. A discussion was held on the minimising of expenditures, saving on the minimising of expenditures, saving on the minimising of expenditures, saving on the coming agriculture. land Telephone Co. of Vermont held here to-day was attended by some 3 persons, fuel, lights, equipment, wire, and all mat-ters which pertain to good service avoid-

CONFER WITH GRAHAM.

Agricultural Matters Discussed by lie Service Members. Montpeller, Jan. 16.-A conference took

by Gov. H. F. Graham, when Judge

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